

News Clippings

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM • IPM PROJECT AT THE GTI IN GUELPH

The Sports Turf Association, as a partner in Communities in Bloom, is participating in the National Awards & Symposium on Parks & Grounds from September 23 to 28 in Stratford, Ontario. Rick Lane, Manager of Leisure Services for Haldimand County and STA Director, will be presenting *A Grass Roots IPM Program for Sports Fields*.

As communities become more aware, more concerned and desire more input in the care and control of their environment, municipalities have to answer some tough questions. Whether the driving force is political or ecological, the debate will take



place and resolutions will be reached. Where does quality turf fit in? Through proper turf management techniques, you can give the grass a fighting chance against weeds and insects. For more information on this year's national symposium, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca.

IPM Demonstration Project

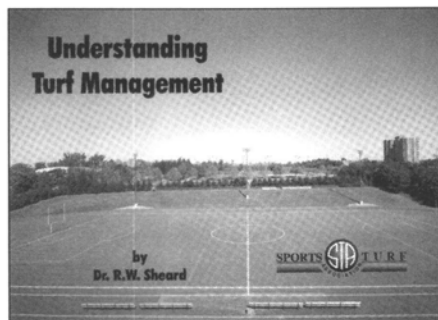
The Guelph Turfgrass Institute has received funding from the Ontario Pesticide Advisory Committee to conduct an integrated pest management (IPM) demonstration project for educational purposes.

The project will demonstrate lawn maintenance under three regimes: conventional management with seasonally timed pesticide applications, an IPM regime, and pesticide free management. Superimposed will be two heights of mowing as well as irrigation or no irrigation. The demonstration plots will be established at the GTI and in two other southern Ontario municipalities.

We will be including updates over the season from all sites through *The GTI Advisor* and on our website. Information from the project will also be distributed to Ontario municipalities and will provide a template for additional demonstration projects in the future.

The project is being coordinated by GTI Research Associate Erica Gunn with technical support from OMAF Turfgrass Specialist Pam Charbonneau. Mark your calendar to attend the Summer Research Field Day on August 19th to see this and other projects being conducted at the GTI.

The GTI Advisor is produced by the Guelph Turfgrass Institute (<http://gti.uoguelph.ca>) and is available free on the website or by sending an e-mail to advisor@gti.uoguelph.ca indicating you wish to subscribe.



Understanding Turf Management by Dr. Sheard

Available from the STA

A practical manual for the management of safer, natural turf facilities for outdoor sports. The concepts are applicable for any turf manager, from golf course superintendents to the parks supervisor, whether maintaining golf greens, sports fields or race tracks for thoroughbreds. To order, call 519-763-9431 or visit www.sportsturfassociation.com.

Odds and Ends

Turf Agriphone

The Turf Agriphone is up and running. There are three options for accessing this information:

- 1) Call 1-888-290-4441
- 2) Call 519-824-4120 (x52597) to subscribe to the free email version
- 3) Go to the OMAF web site to see the weekly messages at <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/scripts/english/crops/agriphone/index.asp#Turfgrass%20Management>

Quotes of the Month

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

James Dent

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.

Russel Baker

Membership Plaques

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Autumn 2003 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by July 11, 2003.

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